

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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REFERENCE: Letter from General Robert A. Schow to the
Director of Central Intelligence dated
5 October 1954

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Coordinator of External Research, and
Office of the SA/PC/DCI.

2. An initial meeting was held on Friday, 15 October, for the purpose of briefing CIA representatives on the problems confronted by OCPW in the preparation of background handbooks for training and field use. On this occasion, the undersigned explained that the Agency was sympathetic with the needs of the paywarriors for intelligence materials tailored to their needs and that we had been instructed to be helpful in any way appropriate and possible for intelligence.

3. At a second meeting, held on Monday, 18 October, the same officers from the Agency (with the exception of [REDACTED]) held a second conference to define more precisely what CIA and intelligence could do. It was agreed that:

8. [REDACTED] will consult the experts in CIA and State, [REDACTED] those in G-2, ONI and AFOIN, to obtain their views on the best secondary sources on the subject matter outlined in Annex A to the paywar plan for [REDACTED] such secondary sources to be the best possible and not to exceed 100. This was promised for delivery by Friday, 22 October.

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b. [REDACTED] will annotate the outline to Annex A with references to those relevant NIS sections which have already been completed. Within several weeks, when the rescheduling now in process is completed, the outline could also be annotated in terms of completion dates of relevant sections planned for the next three years.

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c. At the time that [REDACTED] is ready to begin preparing a handbook on a given country, the relevant sections of NIS should be made available by the Army to cleared personnel of [REDACTED] in order that they may have the benefit of such Government research as has been completed. At that time, also, relevant finished intelligence not included in the NIS would be considered by the Army for the information of [REDACTED] 25X1A5a2

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d. [REDACTED] will undertake to secure the advice of experts as required in the preparation of handbooks, country-by-country, with regard to relevant secondary source materials which in their view should be exploited by [REDACTED] in the preparation of the background handbooks.

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e. If feasible, [REDACTED] would arrange for experts to review completed sections of handbooks by area experts in intelligence. It was recognized that such review would have to be adjusted to meet the personnel situation and ongoing projects within intelligence at the time that such review was called for.

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4. OCPW personnel called attention to the need for urban area studies for their Special Forces' planners. [REDACTED] noted that there had been some thought of meeting a CIA requirement in this regard through an external research contract with [REDACTED]. He informed Colonel Black that if and when this program developed more fully CIA would consult OCPW in order to explore the extent of overlapping interest in the project.

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